

H U N T R E G U L A T I O N S

HUNT YEAR 2009 - 2010



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Changes for 2009 – 2010

This list is for informational purposes only and lists the major changes that have occurred since the last approval of the harvest regulations. All individuals hunting on the Hualapai Indian Reservation should thoroughly read and understand the Natural Resources Conservation Ordinance 24-70 and Hunting Regulations prior to going afield. Please contact the Hualapai Game and Fish Department at 928-769-2227 or the Hualapai Natural Resources Department at 928-769-2255 for a copy of these documents.

Under General Hunting Information

7. Mandatory Check-In/Check-Out: **All Hunters (Non-Tribal and Tribal)** are required to check-in at the Hualapai Game and Fish Department prior to the hunt. Whether successful or not, all hunters must check out at the Hualapai Game and Fish Department or with a Game Ranger or Tribal Biologist. Failure to comply with this regulation will disqualify a hunter from next years hunt.

9. During a Management Hunt the Tribal Master Guide must declare the animal as a "Management" animal prior to shooting. A Management Elk has 5pts on one side **and** is not considered to be a Trophy animal.

10. All Deformed antlered elk hunters are required to attend an educational workshop provided by HDNR prior to their hunt. Class time and location will be posted upon check-in at the Hualapai Game and Fish Department.

19. [Delete] A \$1,000 deposit is required from a hunter who wishes to store their animal's meat in the Hualapai Game and Fish Department freezer.

Definitions:

Management Elk: An Antlered elk that has five (5) points on one side **and** is not considered to be a Legal Trophy Bull Elk.

- Spikes
- Deformed Antlered Elk

Exclusive Trophy Bull Elk: A 10 day Trophy Bull Elk hunt with only one hunter in the field. Can be hunted on the dates specified or any 10 consecutive dates between September 19 – December 31, 2009.

Scholarship Trophy Bull Elk: A 10 day Trophy Bull Elk hunt. Can be hunted on the dates specified or any 10 consecutive dates between September 19 – December 31, 2009. All proceeds go into the Natural Resources Scholarship Fund.

HUALAPAI TRIBE HUNT REGULATIONS

It is the hunter's responsibility to thoroughly read and understand these regulations prior to applying for your permit or going afield.

The Hualapai Tribe and its agents are not responsible for injuries, theft, accidents, or deaths to Hunters, which may occur while hunting or fishing on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.

Application Process

The Hualapai Game and Fish Department, has established a hunt priority list for all big-game hunts on the reservation. In any calendar year, the lists will not extend beyond five years. **A hunt is considered "Booked" and the hunters name is placed on the waiting list when a 1/3 non-refundable deposit is received. The deposit is calculated from the permit cost of the calendar year it is booked. Due to the dynamic nature of this list, the deposit does not guarantee price or time of the hunt. The list merely sets up the hunt priority system.**

A hunter must pay the full balance of the hunt price for all big game (excluding turkey, mountain lion, and javelina) at least sixty (60) days prior to the hunt or his/her hunt will be canceled and the next person on the list will be notified. Refund of the deposit is only available when the hunt is canceled by the Tribe. There will be no exceptions!

In the event that surveys warrant additional permits for any species in a given year, these permits will be sold by sealed bid to the highest bidder, by raffle, auction, or negotiated sale.

If it is established by surveys in any calendar year that permits must be reduced, everyone would move down the priority list.

By Tribal Law, a Hualapai Tribal Guide is required for all big-game hunts on the reservation. A list of eligible guides and a history of their past Boone and Crockett scores for the species to be hunted, are available upon request. The Hunter has the ultimate decision for the selection of a Guide. The Hunter must send a written letter stating the selection of his/her Guide to the Hualapai Game and Fish Department.

In the event that the Hunter does not select a Guide, the Hualapai Game and Fish Department will appoint one. A minimum Guide Fee is established for each hunt, but higher fees may be negotiated between the Guide and Hunter.

The maximum number of Clients (Hunters) per Guide are as follows:

<u>Game Species</u>	<u>Number of Clients per Guide</u>	<u>Guide Fee (minimums)</u>
Management Elk (5pts or less, Deformed Antlered Elk, & Spike)	2	Management - \$1,000 Deformed Antlered Elk - \$750
Antelope	1	\$500
Exclusive Trophy Bull Elk	1	\$3,000
Scholarship Trophy Bull Elk	1	Negotiated w/Guide

2009-2010 HUNT DATES AND PERMIT FEE INFORMATION

APPROVED BY TRIBAL COUNCIL MARCH 18, 2009

BIG GAME*

(All hunts are Reservation Wide unless specified.)

HUNT	SEASON	PERMITS	TOTAL INCLUDING 7% TAX	FEE DUE DATE
Early Spring Turkey	April 18-23, 2009	20	\$428.00	
Late Spring Turkey	April 25 - April 30, 2009	20	\$428.00	
Tribal Turkey (Toms only)				
Deformed Antlered Elk	August 8-16, 2009	24	\$2,381	
Antelope	September 4-6, 2009	1W 1E	\$4,280	
Scholarship Bull Elk	September 9-18, 2009	1	\$28,000	
Exclusive Bull Elk	August 30 - September 8, 2009	1	\$29,960	
First Trophy Bull Elk	September 19-24, 2009	6	\$18,190	
Second Trophy Bull Elk	September 26 - October 1, 2009	5	\$18,190	
Management Bull Elk	October 3 - 8, 2009	14	\$4,280	
Tribal Bull Elk	September 19 - December 31, 2009	2	By Raffle (\$10/ticket)	
	(Any 10 consecutive days)			
Non-Tribal Cow Elk - Westside	October 10-15, 2009	15	\$802.50	
Non-Tribal Cow Elk - Eastside	October 10-15, 2009	15	\$1,070.00	
Early Desert Bighorn Sheep	October 16-30, 2009	1	\$42,800	
Tribal Turkey (any turkey)	November 1-15, 2009	10	\$32.10	
Tribal Cow Elk - Any Side	November 1-15, 2009	10 by draw	\$32.10	
Tribal Deer**	November 16-30, 2009	1 per household	\$32.10	
Tribal Spike	November 1-15, 2009	15 by Draw	\$53.50	
Late Desert Bighorn Sheep	December 5-20, 2009(opposite side early)	1	\$42,800	
Mountain Lion	Any 10 consecutive days (hunt area to be determined at time of booking)	10	\$54	
Non-Tribal Javelina	February 20 - March 21, 2010	15	\$160.50	
Tribal Javelina	February 20 - March 21, 2010	15 by Draw	\$32.10	
			BAG LIMIT (per day)	PERMIT FEE
Game Fish	Year Round	Unlimited	8	\$26.75/day
Squirrels and Rabbits	Year Round	Unlimited	5	\$26.75/day
Migratory Game Birds***	October 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009	Unlimited	2	\$26.75/day
Upland Game Birds***	October 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009	Unlimited	5	\$26.75/day

*For Elk, Antelope, and Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunts: Permit price includes a mountain lion and/or coyote.

**For Deer Hunts: A Hunter can hunt during both seasons, but can only harvest one animal regardless of side.

A legal mule deer buck is a mule deer with 3 points (excluding eye guards) on one side or greater.

***For Bird Hunts: Federal Migratory Bird Stamp Required.

Reminder: Mandatory Check Out: You must check out with a Ranger, at the Game and Fish Department, or with a Tribal Biologist.

Failure to check out will result in a loss of hunting privileges for one year.

Definitions

1. **Antelope: Legal Buck Antelope:** A male Pronghorn antelope with a horn extending past its ear.

Management Antelope: An antelope with horns greater than the ears, but without prongs (cutters).

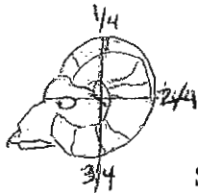
2. **Big Game:** Are turkey, deer, elk, antelope, desert bighorn sheep, javelina, and mountain lion.

3. **Booked:** Means the Hualapai Game and Fish Department has received a 1/3 deposit of the total price of the hunt.

4. **Camping Permit:** A permit to camp in designated areas of the Reservation.

5. **Deer:** **Legal Buck Mule Deer:** Any antlered mule deer with 3 points on one side (excluding eye guards) or greater.

6. **Desert Bighorn Sheep: Legal Ram:** A ram that exceeds the $\frac{3}{4}$ curl (see diagram) **and** is greater than six (6) years old.



Sealing of DBS Horns: Every DBS taken or any DBS horns found on the Hualapai Indian Reservation must have affixed to one horn, a plug seal placed by the Wildlife Conservation Department within seven (7) days.

7. **Elk:** **Exclusive Trophy Bull Elk:** A 10 day Trophy Bull Elk hunt with only one hunter in the field. Can be hunted on the dates specified or any 10 consecutive dates between September 19 – December 31, 2009.

Legal Trophy Bull Elk: Antlered elk with a minimum of six (6) points on one side or scoring a minimum of 300 Boone and Crocket points.

Legal Antlerless Elk: Any antlerless elk.

Legal Spike Elk: A single antler (no points) on one side.

Deformed Antlered Elk: An antlered elk showing abnormal pedicle (offset) growth resulting from genetic factors, injury, or systematic effects.

Management Elk: An Antlered elk that has five (5) points on one side **and** is not considered to be a Legal Trophy Bull Elk.

- o Spikes

- o Deformed Antlered Elk

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8. **Fur-bearing animals:** Are muskrats, raccoons, otters, weasels, bobcats, beavers, badgers, and ringtail cats.

9. **Game Fish:** Are trout of all species, bass of all species, catfish of all species, sunfish of all species.

10. **Guide:** a person who, for pay, aids or assists any person in taking wildlife.

11. **Hunting Area:** All lands and waters within the boundaries of the Hualapai Indian Reservation that are specifically designated and permitted for hunting wildlife. Includes the Youth Camp area, hunter camps, guide camps, tribal roads

(improved and unimproved), and all public reservation areas intended and approved for the hunting of wildlife. Also includes any area specifically designated by the Hualapai Tribe or its designees for the sole purpose of hunting wildlife.

12. **List:** Once a Hunter has booked a hunt, their name is placed on a priority hunt list, in the order that their hunt was booked.
13. **Migratory Game Birds:** Wild waterfowl, including ducks, geese and swans; sandhill cranes; all coots, all gallinules, common snipe, wild doves and bandtail pigeons.
14. **Mountain Lion: Legal Mountain Lion:** Any Mature Mountain Lion
15. **Negotiated Sale:** Sale of a hunt tag other than by sealed bid, raffle, or auction
16. **Permits:** are written permission by the Tribe for access or to hunt.
17. **Predatory Animals:** Are foxes, skunks, coyotes, and bobcats.
18. **Small Game:** Are rabbits squirrels, upland game birds and migratory game birds.
19. **Turkey: Legal Turkey:** Any Mature Tom
20. **Upland Game Birds:** Are quail, partridge, grouse and pheasants.

Lawful Methods for Taking Game

A. An individual may use the following method to take big game on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.

1. To take Antelope, Deer, Desert Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Lion
 - a. Centerfire rifles of .243 caliber or larger
 - b. Muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or larger
 - c. Centerfire handguns of .24 caliber or larger
 - d. Bows with a standard pull of 40 or more pounds, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges.
2. To take Elk:
 - a. Centerfire rifles of .270 caliber or larger or .243 or larger for antlerless elk
 - b. Muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or larger
 - c. Centerfire handguns of .24 caliber or larger
 - d. Bows with a standard pull of 40 or more pounds, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges.
3. To take Javelina:
 - a. Centerfire rifles of .222 caliber or larger
 - b. Muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or larger
 - c. Centerfire handguns of .222 caliber or larger
 - d. Bows with a standard pull of 40 or more pounds, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges.
 - e. .22 Rimfire magnum rifles
 - f. 5 mm Rimfire magnum rifles
4. To take Turkey:
 - a. Centerfire rifles of .222 caliber or larger
 - b. Muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or larger
 - c. Centerfire handguns of .222 caliber or larger
 - d. Bows with a standard pull of 40 or more pounds, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges.
 - e. .22 Rimfire magnum rifles

- f. 5 mm Rimfire magnum rifles or larger
 - g. 16 gauge or larger Shotgun
- B. An individual may use the following method to take small game on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.
 - 1. To take Rabbits and Squirrels:
 - a. Shotgun
 - b. .17 Rimfire or larger caliber
 - 2. To take Upland Game Birds:
 - a. Shotgun
 - b. .17 Rimfire or larger caliber
 - 3. To take Migratory Game Birds:
 - a. Shotgun
 - b. .17 Rimfire or larger caliber
- C. An individual may use the following method to take game fish on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.
 - 1. Hook and Line
 - 2. One fishing pole with a maximum of two (2) separate hooks, lures, or flies.

General Hunting Information and Regulations

- 1. Unless a different or other penalty or punishment is specifically prescribed, a person who violates or fails to comply with these Regulations shall be assessed a minimum fine of \$500 up to \$5,000 through Tribal Court.
- 2. It is recommended that all Hunters hunting on the Hualapai Indian Reservation, obtain a copy of the Natural Resources Wildlife Conservation Ordinance 24-70. This Ordinance is available upon request.
- 3. The Hualapai Tribe reserves the right to refuse sale of hunting permits to anyone.
- 4. All Hunters and Fishermen are subject to the laws and jurisdiction of the Hualapai Tribe.
- 5. Wildlife may only be harvested from Dawn to Dusk when there is sufficient light available to safely harvest the animal.
- 6. An Arizona hunting or fishing license is not valid or required on the Hualapai Reservation.
- 7. **Mandatory Check-In/Check-Out: All Hunters (Non-Tribal and Tribal)** are required to check-in at the Hualapai Game and Fish Department prior to the hunt. Whether successful or not, all hunters must check out at the Hualapai Game and Fish Department or with a Game Ranger or Tribal Biologist. Failure to comply with this regulation will disqualify a hunter from next years hunt.
- 8. A Hunter may harvest a coyote and/or mountain lion during his/her Antelope, Elk, or Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt. No dogs shall be used when hunting during a Trophy Antelope, Elk or Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt.
- 9. During a Management Hunt the Tribal Guide must declare the animal as a "Management" animal prior to shooting. A Management Elk has 5pts on one side. *A five or six point animal with broken tines does not constitute a Management Elk.*
- 10. All Deformed antlered elk hunters are required to attend an educational workshop provided by HDNR prior to their hunt. Class time and location will be posted upon check-in at the Hualapai Game and Fish Department.

11. All Turkey Hunters and Cow Elk Hunters may only Camp in the Pine Springs, 20 Pines, Laguna, Youth Camp Area, or Thorton Tower Turn-Off Areas.
12. A Guide Trainee may accompany the Master Guides during Elk and/or DBS hunts.
13. The Hunter shall ensure that evidence of legality remains with the carcass or parts of a carcass for any game species taken until the Hunter has properly followed the check out procedure.
14. A fee of \$10 will be collected for all duplicate permits.
15. Non-Tribal Outfitters are not permitted to operate on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.
16. Non-Tribal Members are not permitted to pick up cast antlers or sheep horns. Failure to comply with this Regulation will result in a fine of \$500.
17. No person shall carelessly handle any firearm which may result in human injury, death, or damage to property.
18. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow for wanton waste (i.e. any edible portion) of wildlife. Failure to comply with this Regulation will result in a fine of \$1,000.
19. Hunting is not permitted within a ¼ mile of established buildings or occupied residences. Signs will mark ¼ mile boundaries at areas surrounding the Grand Canyon West Facilities.
20. Aircraft are not to be used during the hunt.
21. The following devices and ammunition are prohibited for taking wildlife on the Hualapai Indian Reservation:
 - Semi-automatic center fire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than five (5) shells.
 - Crossbows
 - Fully automatic firearms including firearms capable of selective automatic fire – full jacketed or steel jacketed bullets
22. Successful Hunters are required to attach a big game tag (furnished by the Hualapai Game and Fish Department) to all harvested big-game animals (Deer, Elk, Turkey, Desert Bighorn sheep, Antelope, Javelina and Mountain lion).
23. Scouting prior to the hunt is prohibited unless accompanied by a Certified Tribal Guide. A Visitation Permit is required if a Hunter wishes to be in the field prior to his/her scheduled hunt.
24. All photos and videos taken during the hunt are to be for personal use only. Tribal Council approval and a tribal permit are required for all commercial film and printing, recording, photos, and videos for sale or profit.
25. To reduce the potential spread of infectious diseases (West Nile, Chronic Wasting, New Castles, etc.) Hunters who have hunted in a foreign country, shall not use those clothing articles worn during their foreign hunt, while hunting on the Hualapai Reservation.
26. No person shall take or attempt to take any species of wildlife with the use of jacklight or artificial light.
27. It is unlawful to possess while hunting, any contrivance designed to silence, muffle or minimize the report of a firearm.
28. All Hunters and Guides must comply with Tribal Law regarding drugs and alcohol.
29. In the case of a wounded animal during a hunt, a minimum of 48 hours is required for the search of the animal, prior to resuming the hunt. If the search time exceeds the hunt dates, the Client, Guide and a Ranger must be present during search. If the animal is still alive, the Hunter may shoot it.
30. If a Mountain Lion hunt occurs during a Trophy DBS, Trophy Elk, or Trophy Antelope hunt, the Tribal Guides for each hunt shall coordinate with each other.
31. A Hualapai Guide may contract with a Non-Tribal Houndsman for the purposes of conducting a Trophy Mountain Lion Hunt.

32. Only Tribal Members are eligible to collect Bounties from Coyote and Mountain Lion.
33. Anyone buying antlers or other wildlife parts on the Reservation must first obtain a Tribal Buyers Permit and notify the Hualapai Game and Fish Department. Shed antlers may be purchased only during the dates when Hualapai Tribal members are permitted to collect shed antlers. Any skull with horns or antlers attached must have a Tribal tag attached prior to the sale/purchase. Within 10 (ten) days of the end of each month, the buyer shall provide a report to the Hualapai Game and Fish Department of each transaction in the prior month including: 1) The sellers name and address; 2) a description of items purchased; 3) the quantity of items purchased (in weight or number); and 4) the date of each purchase.

The following Regulations pertain only to Tribal Members and their Spouses.

34. Unless a different or other penalty or punishment is specifically prescribed, a Non-Tribal Member who violates or fails to comply with these Regulations shall be assessed a minimum fine of \$500 up to \$5,000 through Tribal Court.
35. For the Tribal Member Deer Hunt, only one deer is permitted per hunt year per household.
36. Any and all activities which engage in searching for, collecting, or the selling of any shed antler are restricted to the following dates only: **April 1 – December 31** of each year. A free use permit is required. A fine of \$250 shall be imposed for a violation of this regulation.
37. All antler harvesting, selling, or buying is prohibited from **January 1 – March 31** of each year, unless such dates are amended by the Tribal Council.
38. Any skull with horns or antlers attached, must be tagged by Hualapai Game and Fish Department or the Natural Resources Department. Violation of this regulation shall be a civil offense.
39. Any untagged heads, horns, or antlers, other than shed antlers, remain the property of the Tribe and will be immediately confiscated by the Hualapai Game and Fish Department until the Tribe decides how said property will be disposed.
40. A Tribal Transportation permit is required when taking skulls or sheds off of the Hualapai Reservation or traveling through the Hualapai Reservation.
41. Pursuant to Section 6.5 (H) 3 (trapping Permits) of the Natural Resources Conservation Ordinance 24-70, Legal Animals for Tribal Members to trap include: Coyotes, skunks, foxes, badgers, mountain lion, and bobcats.
42. A valid tribal permit is required to trap predatory and fur bearing animals on the Reservation. A Trapper must stay within his/her designated areas and follow the monthly rest rotation pattern set by the Natural Resources Department. Traps may be used to take such wildlife only during the trapping season established by these Regulations.
43. Every Trapper must inspect his traps daily. A trapper must release, without additional injury, all animals that he/she cannot lawfully take by trap. Every Trapper shall possess, while in the field, a device designed or manufactured to restrain trapped animals so that they can be removed from the traps when their release is required.
44. At the end of each year, every Trapper must file a complete written Trapping Report to the Hualapai Game and Fish Department. A violation of this Regulation will disqualify a Trapper from trapping the next year.

45. All Traps must be plainly identified with the name, address, and permit number of the owner and such markings of identification shall be filed with the Hualapai Game and Fish Department.
46. It is unlawful for any Trapper to:
- Set a trap within one-quarter (1/4) mile of any occupied residence or building without permission of the owner or resident or one-quarter (1/4) mile of any road maintained for public use.
 - Use any trap with teeth, a snare, or a foot hold steel trap with a jaw spread exceeding seven and one half (7 1/2) inches for land set.
 - It shall be unlawful for a person to disturb the trap of another, unless authorized in writing to do so by the owner.

Comparison for Game Wildlife Species for the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Peach Springs, AZ

Big Game Species	2008-2009 Harvest Level	2009 – 2010 Recommended Harvest Levels	Change (+ or -)
ELK:			
Trophy Bull Elk	12	11	-1
Tribal Trophy Bull Elk	1	2	+1
Management Bull Elk	47	53	+6
Antlerless Elk	30	40	+10
Special Bull Elk	1	2	+1
TOTAL ELK PERMITS	91	108	+17
BIGHORN SHEEP:			
Trophy Bighorn Sheep	2	2	0
ANTELOPE:			
Trophy Antelope	2	2	0
MOUNTAIN LION	10	10	0
TURKEY	30	55	+25
JAVELINA:	30	30	0
MULE DEER (Tribal Members Only)	1 Antlered buck deer, per year, per Household	1 Antlered buck deer, per year, per Household	Only 1 antlered buck deer, per household for the Hunt Year